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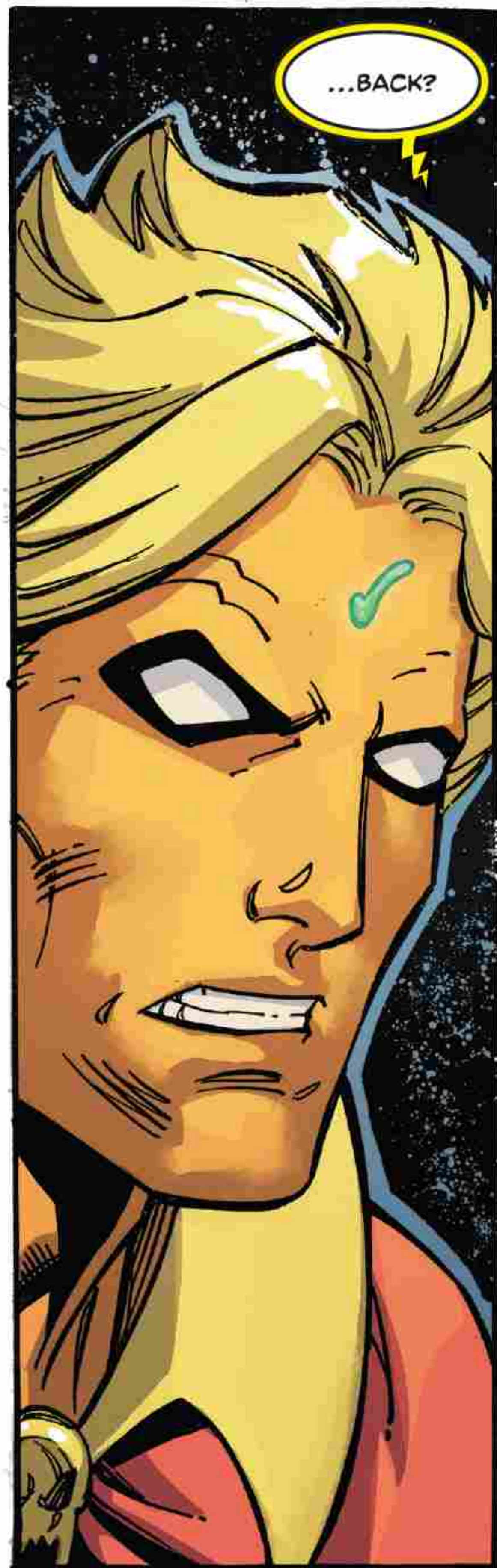
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MONSTER ISLAND.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF WHAT JUST HAPPENED...

...IS ADAM WARLOCK DEAD?

NOT DEAD, GENIS-VELL.

BUT LIKELY IN A COMA. OR WORSE.



COME ON, BOSS, WAKE UP.





YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO ASK THAT, PIP. I DON'T EVEN LIKE *HOLDING* THE TIME GEM, MUCH LESS *WIELDING* IT.

TOO DANGEROUS, TOO MANY UNPREDICTABLE CONSEQUENCES.



NO, WE'LL FIND ANOTHER WAY.

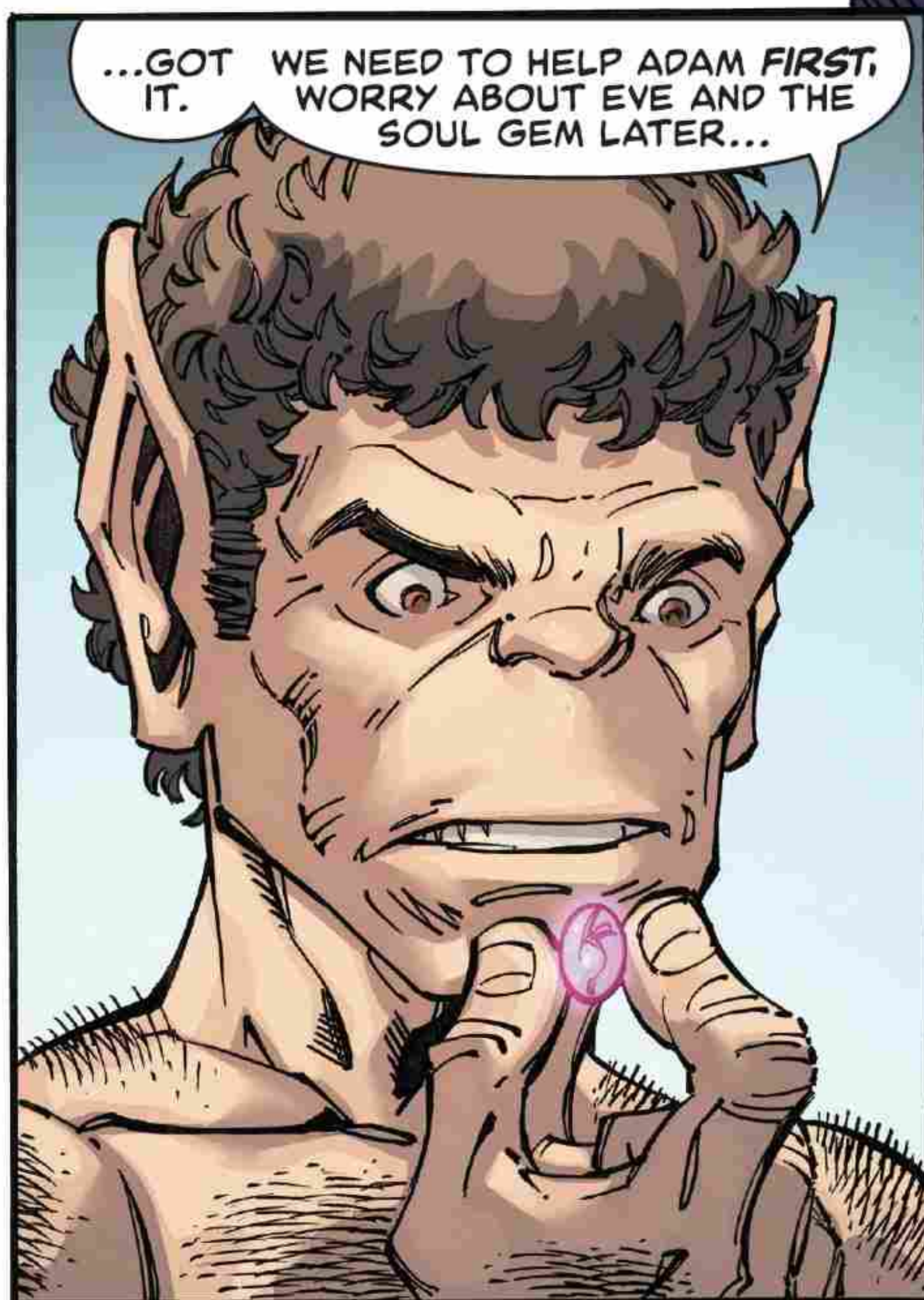
LOOK, I'M STILL LEARNING ON THE JOB, BUT TELL ME WHAT I CAN DO. SHOULD I GO LOOKING FOR EVE WARLOCK?



KID, EVEN IF YOU HAD YOUR *FATHER'S* COSMIC AWARENESS, FINDING EVE WOULD BE DAMN NEAR IMPOSSIBLE.

SHE COULD BE ANYWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE.

HANG ON, IT'S HERE SOMEWHERE...



...GOT IT. WE NEED TO HELP ADAM *FIRST*, WORRY ABOUT EVE AND THE SOUL GEM LATER...



...AND THE SPACE GEM IS JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED.



THERE'S AN OBVIOUS PLACE WE NEED TO GO...



...THOUGH
I DON'T KNOW
IF HE'LL ACTUALLY
BE GLAD TO
SEE US.



WHERE
ARE WE?



IT'S CALLED
THE SANCTUM
SANCTORUM.

TELL YOU THE
TRUTH, I HAVE
NO IDEA WHY THEY
CALL IT THAT.
BUT IT SOUNDS
COOL, RIGHT?

KIND OF
SPOOKY, TO BE
HONEST.



I WAS
NOT EXPECTING
VISITORS THIS
NIGHT...

...BUT
HOW MAY

**DOCTOR
STRANGE**

HELP YOU?

ELSEWHERE.

A PERFECT
SPECIMEN...

...MORE THAN
ADAM WARLOCK
COULD EVER
HOPE TO BE.

THAT IS MY
PURPOSE.

INDEED
IT IS.



YOU ARE
UNLIKE THE
FLAWED VESSEL
THAT IS ADAM
WARLOCK.



I AM AS
I WAS MADE
TO BE.



YOU WILL
EXCEED HIM.
YOU HOLD SO MUCH
PROMISE, EVE
WARLOCK.



I CREATED
YOU TO HERALD
A NEW AGE.



BECAUSE
OF YOU,
HUMANKIND WILL
EVOLVE...



...BECOME
MORE THAN IT
HAS EVER BEEN.
FINALLY A BOON
TO THE ENTIRE
UNIVERSE.



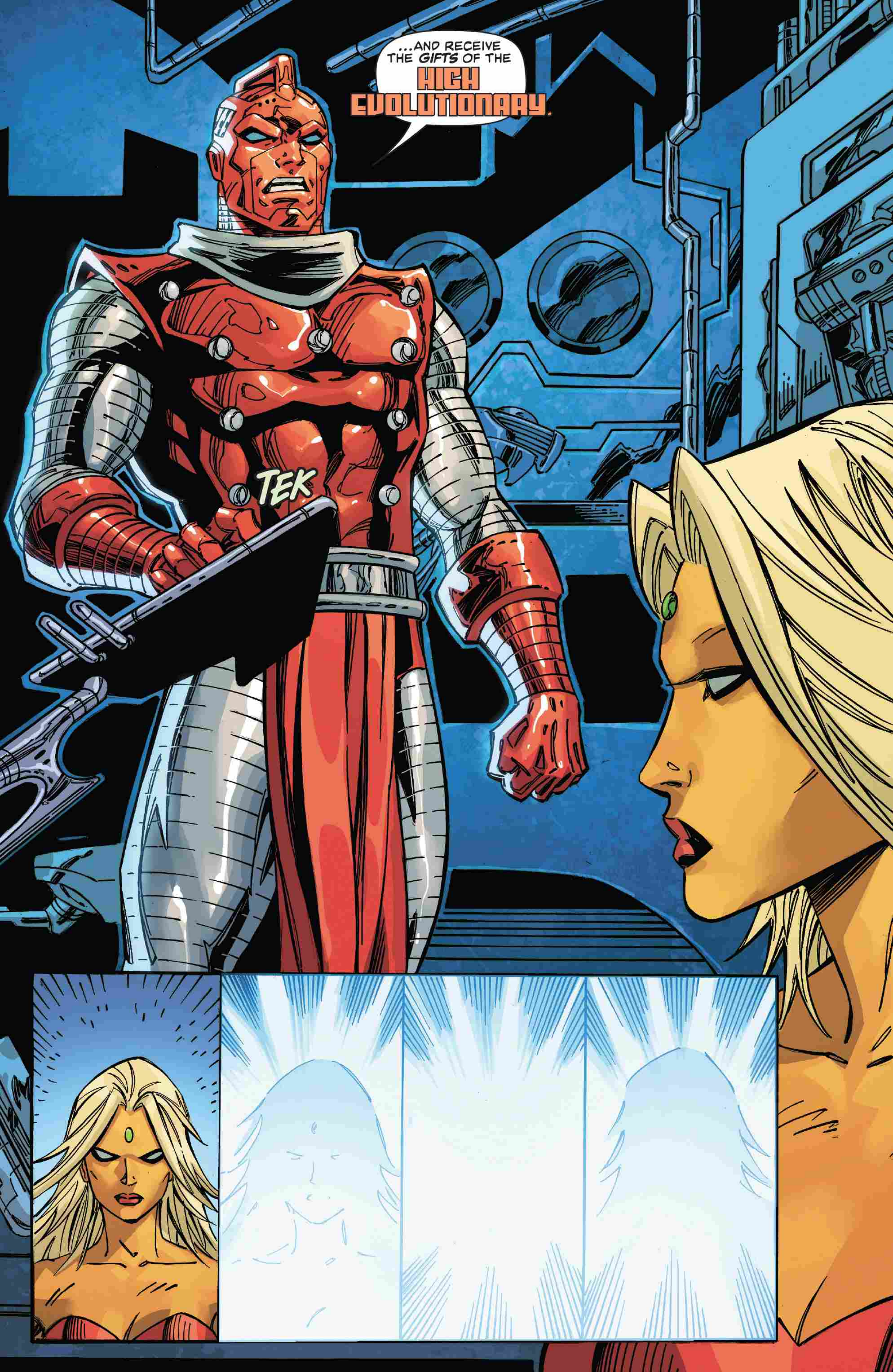
YOU WILL
BE MOTHER
TO IT ALL.



I EMBRACE
MY ROLE.



THEN PREPARE
YOURSELF...



...AND RECEIVE
THE GIFTS OF THE
HIGH
EVOLUTIONARY.

TEK



BE THE
HERO YOU
ARE MEANT
TO BE.

I STAND READY
AND WILLING. I
PROMISE YOU...

"...MY DESTINY WILL
BE FULFILLED."



GREENWICH VILLAGE.



IT'S
AS IF THIS
ADAM WARLOCK
IS MERELY A
SHELL...



...EMPTIED
OF HIS
ESSENCE.

HIS
SOUL, IF YOU
WILL.



CAN YOU DO
ANYTHING?

I'M
NOT ENTIRELY
CERTAIN.



IT'S MORE THAN SIMPLY THE ABSENCE OF THE GEM YOU TOLD ME WAS STOLEN.

ADAM'S BODY REMAINS HERE...

...BUT WHAT MAKES ADAM... ADAM... IS GONE.

THIS VESSEL IS ABANDONED. WHERE HIS ESSENCE IS NOW, I CANNOT READILY SAY.

BUT ADAM IS A UNIQUE BEING. I CAN *SEEK* HIM OUT, WHEREVER HE MIGHT BE.

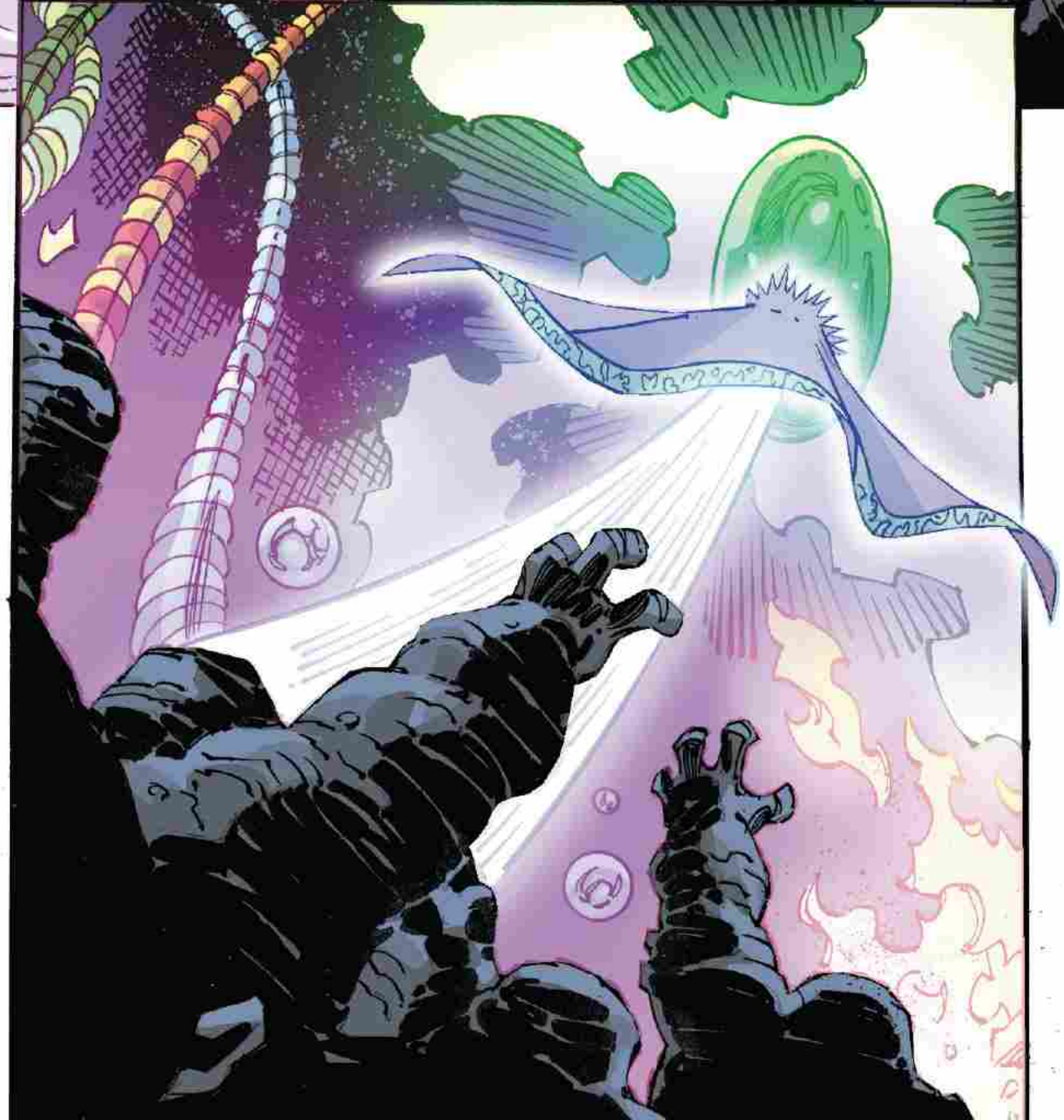
SO THAT'S A PLAN, RIGHT? WE JUST FIND HIM AND BRING HIM BACK?

IT ALMOST CERTAINLY WON'T BE THAT *SIMPLE*.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE *DON'T* FIND ADAM SOON?

IS HE JUST...GONE FOREVER?









IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL HERE. WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO BE IN THIS PLACE?

HERE I CAN BE... CONTENT.



YOU RETREATED HERE OF YOUR OWN ACCORD?

I'M NO LONGER NEEDED.



MY REPLACEMENT ARRIVED AND CLAIMED THE SOUL GEM FOR HER OWN. EVE WARLOCK WILL SURELY DO A MUCH BETTER JOB THAN I.

I WAS ALWAYS DESTINED TO BE HERE. NO MORE STRUGGLE. NO MORE PAIN.



BUT YOU ARE NEEDED. YOU'RE NEEDED BY THOSE WHO CARE ABOUT YOU AND BY THE WIDER UNIVERSE THAT YOU HAVE PRESERVED MANY TIMES OVER.

YOU MUST REJOIN THE WORLD, ADAM.



YOU MUST RETURN TO...

...WHAT?



AAHFF?!



ADAM!
TELL THEM TO
STAND DOWN!

I'M SORRY,
STEPHEN.
SOULWORLD
ALWAYS
PROTECTS ME.

TO BE CONTINUED!

NEXT ISSUE:

**ADAM WARLOCK AND DOCTOR STRANGE MUST ESCAPE SOULWORLD!
BUT IN ORDER TO DO THAT, ADAM WILL HAVE TO FIGHT EVE HEAD-ON!
WITHOUT THE SOUL GEM, DOES ADAM STAND A CHANCE?**



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